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SUBJECT: MUNITIONS CONTROL REQUEST

REF: STATE 028748

1. AGENCY FOR DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT (ADD) HAS AN ACTIVE LASER GROUP WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTING A ROK/US APPROVED, JOINTLY FUNDED, FOUR-YEAR RESEARCH PROGRAM WITH OUR DEFENSE ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY TO MEASURE LASER PROPAGATION/ATTENUATION PROPERTIES THROUGH THE LOWER ATMOSPHERE WITHIN ROK ARMED FORCES OPERATIONAL AREAS.

2. ADDITIONALLY, THIS ADD GROUP IS WORKING ON PROTOTYPES OF BOTH PORTABLE AND TANK LASER RANGE FINDERS OF KOREAN DESIGN WHICH WILL USE A ND-YAG ROD AS THE ACTIVE MEDIUM. THE PROPOSED KN-22 KRYTRON PURCHASE IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE RANGE FINDER UNDERTAKING, AND THIS WORK WILL PROBABLY LEAD TO ROK PROTOTYPING OF ITS OWN LASER DESIGNATORS IN THE EARLY 1980'S. BOTH OF THESE RESEARCH AND PROTOTYPING EFFORTS ARE INCLUDED IN ROK FORCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN (FIP-PROJECT 73).

3. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION WHICH INDICATES THAT KRYTRONS ARE INTENDED FOR ANY APPLICATION OTHER THAN THE ABOVE.
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